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REPUBLIC ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES
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ASTRONOMER GETS DOCTORATE -- Zarya Vostoka, No 150, 5 Jul 49

Ye. K. Kharadze, head of the Astronomy Department of Tbilisi University and director of Abastumani Observatory, recently received the degree of Doctor of Physicomathematical Sciences from Moscow University. His dissertation dealt with chromatic characteristics of stars and absorption of light in galaxies.

ACADEMICIAN VOLGIN HONORED -- Zarya Vostoka, No 128, 2 Jul 49

Academician Vyacheslav Petrovich Volgin was awarded the Order of the Labor Red Banner on the occasion of his 70th birthday and in recognition of many years' scientific and pedagogical activity.

KAZAKH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONFFERS -- Pravda, No 158, 17 Jun 49

The Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR opened a conference in Karaganda on 17 June, devoted to problems connected with the study and utilization of productive forces of Central Kazakhstan. Academician K. I. Satpayev, president of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR, opened the conference with a short introductory speech. Reports were read by T. I. Ababkov, secretary of the Karaganda Oblast Party Committee, A. T. Yegorov, Doctor of Geological and Mineralogical Sciences, N. G. Kass'n, active member of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR, and A. D. Daulbayev, Minister of Agriculture Kazakh SSR.

Scientists of Moscow, Leningrad, Sverdlovsk, and other cities of USSR, as well as directors of enterprises, engineers, leading Stakhanovites, and production innovators, are participating in the conference.

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ARMENIAN SCIENTISTS CONDUCT BOTANY EXPEDITION -- *Kommunist*, No 146, 23 Jun 49

An expedition of the Botany Institute of the Academy of Sciences Armenian SSR has returned to Yerevan. The group of scientists, headed by Prof D. Sosnovskiy visited Aparanskiy, Spitakskiy, Kirovakanskiy, Alaverdskiy, Shamshadinskiy, Idzhevanskiy, and Krasnosel'skiy rayons where they conducted research and collected specimens of Armenian plant growth. The expedition discovered 40 large areas distributed with plants of economic importance, suitable for procurement of seeds of trees and shrubs, and areas with medicinal and decorative plants. The expedition also collected 1,500 different herbs and 122 tree specimens in order to develop Caucasus micrography.

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